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SUBJECT: UNESCO: REPORT ON VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL'S TEAM TO THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES

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1. ON JUNE 1, MEIR JOFFE, ISRAELI PERM REP, AND GOI
SPECIAL REP AMBASSADOR EMILE NAJAR GAVE DEL OFF THEIR
VERSION OF SOME OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE
ISSUANCE BY DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW OF DOCUMENT EX L04
52, WHICH CONTAINS REPORTS OF FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM
THAT VISITED THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. (REFTEL)
2. FOLLOWING IS THEIR REPORT TO DEL OFF:
A. TEAM LEADER, PAUL-MARC HENRY (FRANCE) DID A GENERAL
REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE MISSION, AND INCORPORATED
INTO IT WHAT HE CONSIDERED THE RELEVANT ELEMENTS OF
THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS FROM VELEBIT (YUGO),
SENARCLENS (SWISS) AND HENIN(FRANCE). AS ANNEXES TO
THIS REPORT, HE ATTACHED THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS
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OF COOKEY (NIGERIAN), AND RUIZ-GIMENEZ (SPAIN). (PERM
DEL CONSIDERES THESE LATTER TWO SUBMISSIONS TO BE FAIR
AND BALANCED.) ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM GAVE THEIR
CLEARANCES TO THIS REPORT.
B. ON APRIL L7, HENRY MET WITH DG M'BOW AND SENIOR
MEMBERS OF THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT TO PRESENT HIS REPORT.
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ENTERING THE MEETING ROOM, HENRY

SPOKE WITH M'BOW ALONE. HE HANDED M'BOW COPIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS FROM VELEBIT AND HENIN (JOFFE DID NOT MENTION THE SUBMISSION OF SENARCLENS) AND TOLD M'BOW THAT THESE WERE FOR HIS PERSONAL, PRIVATE USE AND INTENDED TO HELP HUM UNDERSTAND HENRY'S GENERAL REPORT. HE ASKED M'BOW TO KEEP THESE INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS "IN THE SAFE," AND M'BOW INDICATED HE WOULD. THEY THEN WENT DIRECTLY INTO THE MEETING WITH THE SENIOR SECRETARIAT MEMBERS.

C. TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE MEETING, M'BOW CALLED HENRY TO SAY THAT SENARCLENS HAD WRITTEN HIM A PERSONAL LETTER TO SAY HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AND DECIDED HE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE HENRY REPORT AFTER ALL. (NAJAR WONDERED ALOUD IF M'BOW HAD STIMULATED THIS LETTER.) SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HENIN COMMUNICATED TO M'BOW THAT SHE TOO HAD CHANGED HER MIND AND WITHDRAWN HER CLEARANCE. M'BOW THEN ASKED HENRY TO REWRITE HIS REPORT IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD RECOVER THE TWO LOST CLEARANCES, BUT HENRY DECLINED. M'BOW ASKED VELEBIT IF HE WOULD DO THE REWRITE, AND VELEBIT DECLINED.

D. ALL FURTHER CORRIDOR INFORMATION FROM THAT TIME ON WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DG WOULD MAKE ONLY AN ORAL REPORT AND WOULD NOT MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT. THEN, ON MAY 31, M'BOW ISSUED DOCUMENT L04 EX/52 WITH THE FOUR INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS ATTACHED.
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3. WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT PARA 2 ABOVE IS THE ISRAELI VERSION AS PRESENTED BY JOFFE AND NAJAR. THEY HAVE OFTEN BEEN RIGHT, BUT THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN WRONG. WE REPORT IT AS UNEVALUATED AND UNVERIFIED.

4. EX BD CHAIRMAN MARTIN (UK) TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR LATE ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE ONE AND SAID HE EXPECTED PROBLEMS ON THIS ISSUE. HE WAS PUTTING TOGETHER A POTENTIAL WORKING GROUP TO HANDLE THE ITEM IF NECESSARY, AND SAID THAT IF THE U.S. WANTED TO BE ON IT, TO LET HIM KNOW BY MORNING OF JUNE 2. WE PLAN TO TELL MARTIN THAT THE U.S. DOES WISH TO BE ON THE WORKING GROUP.

5. THIS GROUP MAY DRAFT A RESOLUTION ON THE ITEM, AND WE WOULD WANT TO BE THERE TO FIGHT ANY POSSIBLE ARAB LANGUAGE CALLING ON THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE TO TAKE UP THE ITEM. GENERAL CONFERENCE DEBATE WOULD BE DIVISIVE AT THE LEAST AND

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EXPLOSIVE AT THE WORST, AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS NOT SEIZED WITH THE ITEM. BOTH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS CITED IN DOCUMENT L04 EX/52 (18 GC RES 13.1 AND 19 GC RES 15.1 SPECIFICALLY ASK THE DG TO REPORT BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, NOT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

6. WE COULD SUPPORT A RESOLUTION THANKING THE DG FOR HIS EFFORTS THUS FAR, ASKING TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THOSE MATTERS WITHIN UHESCO'S MANDATE, AND TO MAKE A FURTHER REPORT TO THE 105 SESSION OF THE EX BD NEXT SEPTEMBER. FROM WITHIN THE WORKING GROUP, WE CAN ARGUE THAT THE EX BD CANNOT TAKE ACTION ON THE BASIS OF THE PRELIMINARY, FRAGMENTARY REPORT THAT IT HAS BEFORE IT.

7. IN DEBATE, WE PLAN TO ASK ABOUT THE MISSING REPORT OF THE TEAM LEADER, AND WE THINK OTHERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS CONCERN AT THE ABSENCE OF HENRY'S COMPOSITE REPORT. AMBASSADOR VALERY (FRANCE) IS "PUZZLED" BY THE PECULIAR NATURE OF EX/52, AND THE
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ISRAELI'S INTEND TO MAKE SURE THE RIGHT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THIS LACUNA.

8. DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE HAS NOW SLIPPED TO MONDAY

JUNE 5. WE WILL COORDINATE OUR TACTIC VIEW TO AVOIDING ANY RESOLUTION

CRITICAL OF ISRAEL, AND ANY ATTEMPT TO PUT THE MATTER
ON THE AGENDA OF THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

9. IT MUST NOT BE KNOWN AT THIS TIME THAT USDEL IS
IN POSSESSION OF EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS OF HENRY'S
REPORT OR WELL DISPOSED SOURCES WOULD BE SERIOUSLY
EMBARRASSED. ALTHOUGH HIS REPORT DOES MAKE SOME
CRITICISM OF ISRAEL, IT IS LARGELY FAVORABLE AND
JOFFE AND NAJAR APPEAR TO BE SATISFIED WITH IT.
IN SUM, IT GIVES ISRAEL CREDIT FOR DOING A GOOD JOB
UNDER THE AWKWARD LIMITATIONS OF A MILITARY
OCCUPATION, AND IT PORTRAYS THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES
AS COOPERATING WITH THE DG'S TEAM.

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